

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Spartanburg Senior High
Spartanburg 7
Grades: 10-12 **Enrollment: 1,565**
Principal: Jeff Stevens
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.
Board Chair: Conrad C. Hurst, III

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Below Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	7	22	4	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/23/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Passed 2 subtests (%)	75.6%	74.9%	79.6%	74.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.7%	11.7%	11.0%	13.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	11.7%	13.5%	9.5%	12.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.1%	93.2%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

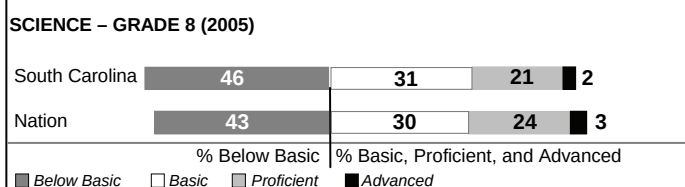
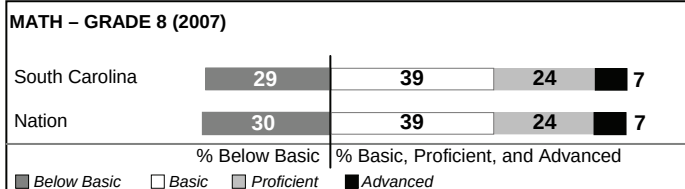
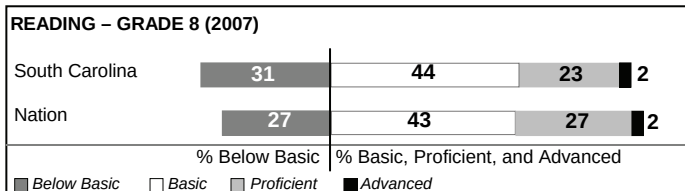
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	473	241
Number of Diplomas	370	178
Rate (%)	78.2%	75.0%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	60.9%	69.5%
English 1	N/A	57.8%
Physical Science	23.5%	46.2%
US History and the Constitution	34.3%	35.4%
All Tests	38.0%	51.1%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,565)				
Retention rate	6.3%	Down from 9.2%	4.3%	4.8%
Attendance rate	91.4%	Down from 92.1%	95.2%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.7%	Up from 19.6%	8.3%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	13.5%	Up from 12.9%	13.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	8.8%	Down from 9.0%	9.1%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.6%	Down from 2.9%	0.6%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	23.5%	Down from 24.9%	8.6%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	77.1%	Up from 76.6%	51.3%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.0%	Down from 34.6%	29.1%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	7.1%	Down from 7.9%	4.0%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	5.7%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	952	Down from 981	493	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	77.7%	Down from 79.3%	81.9%	79.3%
Teachers (n=103)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.7%	Up from 72.8%	56.7%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	79.6%	Up from 78.6%	78.2%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.0%	Down from 8.3%	7.7%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.2%	Up from 87.9%	86.8%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	No Change	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,456	Up 3.9%	\$47,473	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.9%	Up from 0.8%	4.2%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	12.6 days	Down from 14.1 days	11.8 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.5 to 1	Up from 22.6 to 1	26.5 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	84.9%	Down from 85.5%	89.7%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,594	Up 11.2%	\$7,628	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.3%	Down from 58.7%	54.1%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.9%	Down from 62.0%	59.1%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	88.5%	Down from 93.0%	95.9%	95.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	66.7%	Down from 71.4%	64.7%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Spartanburg High School continued its relentless pursuit of academic excellence. The instructional program is synonymous with providing a firm foundation that colleges and universities across the nation desire. SHS continues to be annually recognized by "Newsweek" magazine as one of the top high schools in the country for its outstanding Advanced Placement program. It has been a record-breaking year for Spartanburg High School, with 97 College Board AP scholars, two Presidential Scholars (only two in the state of South Carolina), 3 Robert C Byrd Honor Scholarships, and merit scholarships totaling almost \$16 million over a four year college career, eclipsing the previous record by over \$6 million.

The Class of 2009 has distinguished itself with 15 seniors being recognized by the national merit or achievement competitions for being among the top scorers in the nation on the PSAT. Ten students went on to be finalists. Additionally, 137 seniors qualified to earn a \$5,000 LIFE scholarship. Thirty-six seniors were recognized as Palmetto Fellows Scholarship winners. Spartanburg High School is honored to have two Presidential Scholars chosen from among 2.8 million seniors nationwide. Twenty-two seniors received one the state's highest honors in being named SC Academic Honor recipients.

The Viking Academy was established and fully implemented for those students who were academically challenged. It provided a smaller learning environment, which proved to be successful in increasing our number of on-time graduates. An Advisor/Advisee mentoring program called STRIVE (Students and Teachers Reaching for and Investing in Vikings' Education) was developed this year to give students within the building a specific adult to go to for advisement and mentoring.

Our fine arts and athletic programs continued to excel and perform at a high level. Orchestra, band, and chorus received superior ratings at the state competitions. The South Carolina High School League recognized 64 seniors as athlete-scholars for having a 3.5 grade point ratio or higher. A total of 40 athletes were named to all region and/or all state teams.

Jeffrey T. Stevens, Principal
Alice Howell, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	118	386	60
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.6%	71.6%	84.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.6%	74.1%	68.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.9%	84.8%	74.6%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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